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2 February 2009

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This is a request for records under the Wisconsin Open Records Law.

I request a copy of a list including the name, salary, job title, and (if available) agency or department and town of duty station for ~~the~~ employee of the State of Wisconsin. Either of a list prepared for calendar year 2008, fiscal year 2008, or a current list would satisfy this request.

If this data in the record is easy to prepare in an accessible electronic format, I would prefer the records on CD as an excel spreadsheet, microsoft access database, text, or, as a last resort, PDF.

I am requesting these records to promote government transparency not to further a commercial interest. I hope that records of this sort are compiled routinely, and can be duplicated without great expense. I am willing to pay fees for the processing of this request up to \$20. If you anticipate the fees will exceed that amount please inform me first.

Thank you in advance for your help.

13 May, 2009

Department of Administration
c/o Donna Sorenson
PO Box 7864
Madison, WI 53707-7864

Wisconsin Open Records Law request

Thank you for your response to my request for public records. In February, I received an estimate for the fees for preparing a 2008 “copy of a list including the name, salary, job title, and (if available) agency or department and town of duty station for each employee of the State of Wisconsin” in an accessible, electronic format. You informed me that the database that you manage lacks or excludes from release data on members of the University of Wisconsin System, the State Legislature, the judicial branch, and members of certain unions. Data from a point in mid-2009 would satisfy my request.

It has been more than four weeks since the estimate, and the estimate warned that my request would be closed if the Department did not hear from me by February 27. Attached is a copy of my original request. Consider it resubmitted if it must be for processing. In the case that the fees have not changed since February, enclosed is a check for \$104.57 per the estimate of February 4.

My apologies for the delay; I was waiting for estimates from states less prompt than Wisconsin to decide how much I am willing to pay for records.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Sincerely,



**WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATION**

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June 11, 2009


Thank you for your payment in the amount of \$104.57. Enclosed, please find an MS Excel file of State of Wisconsin employees including employee name, agency name, classification title, employment type, hourly salary, and work city.

For the reasons stated in my February 4, 2009, letter to you (copy enclosed), University of Wisconsin employees, State legislative employees, judicial branch employees and members of the bargaining unions covered by the Wisconsin State Employees Union (WSEU), Wisconsin Professional Employees Council (WPEC), Wisconsin Science Professionals (WSP) and the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Association are not included in the enclosed record.

In addition, we redacted certain non-represented staff employed by the Department of Justice in a law enforcement investigative capacity. In balancing the interest of public disclosure against the interest of the state in protecting the identity of personnel assigned to undercover operations, we have determined that the interest in effective law enforcement investigations and the prosecution of criminal activity, along with the need to protect the personal safety of those individuals outweighs the public interest in the disclosure of those names.

Pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 19.35(4)(b), I am required to inform you that the determination to partially deny your request is subject to review by mandamus under Wis. Stats. § 19.37(1), or upon application to the attorney general or to your local district attorney.

Sincerely,



Cari Anne Renlund
Chief Legal Counsel

cc: Deborah Carstensen, DOA Central Payroll



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February 4, 2009

This is in response to your public records request to Cheryl Brigowatz, dated February 2, 2009, for a list including the name, salary, job title and (if available) agency or department and town of duty station for each employee of the State of Wisconsin for calendar year 2008, fiscal year 2008 or a current list, preferably on a CD in an excel spreadsheet, Microsoft access database, text or, as a last resort, PDF.

Your request requires extraction of information from the Central Payroll system which would involve programming time and costs for which we request prepayment. Our payroll data is maintained by calendar year. In order to reduce costs, we can provide data at the point in time when the extract is processed including employee name, hourly pay, job classification and work addresses for the active permanent and limited term employees, with the exception of certain employees indicated below. Central Payroll staff estimates a total amount of \$104.57 for the programming (\$75.37), administrative (\$27.03) and computer downloading costs (\$2.18) to compile this data in the format requested.

Please be aware that the University of Wisconsin System and the State Legislature are not on the central payroll system so we are unable to provide records for those entities. You will also need to contact the Director of State Courts to obtain any information relating to judicial branch employees.

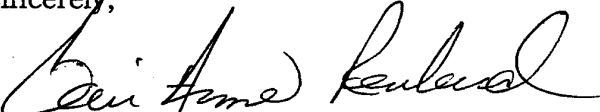
In addition, due to the pending litigation in *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, et al. v. Wis. Department of Administration, et al.* (2007AP001160), and related collective bargaining agreements, at this time we cannot provide you with the requested information for members of the bargaining unions covered by the Wisconsin State Employees Union (WSEU), Wisconsin Professional Employees Council (WPEC), Wisconsin Science Professionals (WSP) and the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Association.

The aforementioned redactions could be considered a partial denial of your request. Pursuant to s. 19.35(4)(b), Stats., I am required to inform you that since your request was made in writing, the determination to deny your request in part is subject to review by mandamus under s. 19.37(1), Stats., or upon application to the attorney general or to your local district attorney.

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Upon receipt of your check in the amount of \$104.57, payable to the Department of Administration, c/o Donna Sorenson, P.O. Box 7864, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7864, we will begin processing your request. Based on our current workload and staffing, we estimate approximately 30 days from the receipt of payment to produce the file. If we do not hear from you by February 27, 2009, we will assume you are no longer interested in these records and your request will be closed.

Sincerely,



Cari Anne Renlund
Chief Legal Counsel

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